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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Richard Michael LOWRY

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Examiner: Meredith C. Petravick

For: MARINE BACKHOE DREDGE

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Examiner's restriction requirement mailed September 14, 2005, applicants elect Species I of Figure 1 for prosecution on the merits. Accordingly, claims 1-5 and 7-17 are directed to this species and should be examined at this time. Claims 1-4 and 7-14 are generic while claims 5 and 15-17 are specific to the elected species.

No fee is believed to be due for this response. Should any fees be required, however, please charge such fees to Winston & Strawn LLP Deposit Account No. 50-1814.

Respectfully submitted,

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